

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7551–S7600

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2212–2216, and S. Res. 299–300. **Page S7594**

Measures Passed:

Surface Transportation Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 3819, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund. **Page S7574**

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 293, supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, commending domestic violence victim advocates, domestic violence victim service providers, crisis hotline staff, and first responders serving victims of domestic violence for their compassionate support of victims of domestic violence, and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should continue to support efforts to end domestic violence and hold perpetrators of domestic violence accountable, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7598**

National Bison Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 300, designating November 7, 2015, as National Bison Day. **Pages S7598–99**

House Messages:

Bipartisan Budget Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1314, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7585–86**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S7585**

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McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 2750, to change the enactment date. **Page S7585**

McConnell Amendment No. 2751 (to Amendment No. 2750), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7585**

McConnell motion to refer the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2752, to change the enactment date. **Page S7586**

McConnell Amendment No. 2753 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2752), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7586**

McConnell Amendment No. 2754 (to Amendment No. 2753), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7586**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, October 30, 2015. **Page S7585**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 29, 2015. **Page S7599**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency relative to the actions and policies of the Government of Sudan as declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–30) **Page S7590**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Sarah Elizabeth Feinberg, of West Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration. **Page S7600**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
 1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.
 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.
 Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Navy. **Pages S7599–S7600**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

A routine list in the Air Force. **Page S7600**

Messages from the House: **Page S7590**

Measures Referred: **Page S7590**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S7590, S7599**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:41 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7599.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine unmanned aircraft systems and the steps being taken to successfully integrate this technology into our National Airspace System, after receiving testimony from Michael Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Marty Rogers, Alliance for System Safety of UAS through Research Excellence, Fairbanks, Alaska, on behalf of the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Unmanned Aircraft Systems program; and Tim Canoll, Air Line Pilots Association, International, Washington, D.C.

DOE NATIONAL LABORATORIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine realizing the potential of the Department of Energy national laboratories, after receiving testimony from TJ Glauthier, and Jared Cohon, both a

Co-Chair, Commission to Review the Effectiveness of The National Energy Laboratories, Department of Energy.

RURAL BANKING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine the state of rural banking, focusing on challenges and consequences, including S. 1491, to provide sensible relief to community financial institutions, to protect consumers, after receiving testimony from Terry Foster, Mifflin County Savings Bank, Lewistown, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers; Roger Porch, First National Bank, Philip, South Dakota; Carrie Wood, Timberland Federal Credit Union, DuBois, Pennsylvania; and Sarah Edelman, Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jessica Rosenworcel, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Thune, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

U.S. ROLE AND STRATEGY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States role and strategy in the Middle East, after receiving testimony from Anne W. Patterson, Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, and General John R. Allen, USMC (Ret.), Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL, both of the Department of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Libya, Marc Jonathan Sievers, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, Elisabeth I. Millard, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, and Kenneth Damian Ward, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, all of the Department of State, and John Morton, of Massachusetts, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.